

House Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

[HB 5085](#)

(Mayes)

House Bill 5085 (S-1) creates a snowmobile registration that recognizes secured interests, like lenders. This would give lenders the assurance that they would be paid, similar to how titling works on cars and watercraft. This registration would cost \$22.00 and would be required to operate a snowmobile. The bill would take effect July 1, 2009.

- The House concurred in the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 378: 105 yes, 1 no]

[HB 5585](#)

(Espinoza)

House Bill 5585 (S-1) would update the Milk Manufacturing Law of 2001 to reflect new federal standards and guidelines. The bill would provide increased protection of the public health and welfare by ensuring Michigan's manufacturing dairy farms and manufacturing milk processing plants comply with the most up-to-date regulations. It will also assist Michigan's dairy industry by requiring high standards that will continue to allow producers to ship their products out of the state and country.

- The House concurred in the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 379: 106 yes, 0 no]

[HB 5274](#)

(Farrah)

House Bill 5274 would change the name of private detectives to professional investigators and expand their professional licensing to include electronic tracking of an individual and computer forensics. The Senate added provisions requiring law enforcement offices, to demonstrate that they are authorized to work as a professional investigator by their local jurisdiction when obtaining a license.

- The House concurred in the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 380: 107 yes, 0 no]

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 747

(Garcia)

This bill will require school officials to consider a pupil's absence as an excused absence for a pupil absent from school for up to one full school day for each occurrence because his or her parent or legal guardian was a service member being deployed on or returning from active duty.

- Espinoza-1 was adopted
- Brown-2 was adopted
- SB 747 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 747 was passed [RC 381: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 731

(Allen)

Senate Bill 731 mandates Michigan Military members returning from active duty receive a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) questionnaire and a traumatic brain injury (TBI) questionnaire administered by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA).

- SB 731 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 731 was passed [RC 382: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5939

(Robert Jones)

House Bill 5939 would allow any existing MBT Historic Preservation Credit carry forwards to be used to offset any amounts owed due to credit recapture.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5939 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5939 was passed [RC 383: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5940

(Angerer)

House Bill 5940 provides clarification on how to compute the MBT for taxpayers whose first tax year is less than 12 months.

- HB 5940 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5940 was passed [RC 384: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5941

(Young)

House Bill 5941 clarifies the MBT definition of "tax year" so that it also applies to previous tax years under the Single Business Tax.

- HB 5941 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5941 was passed [RC 385: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HR 276

(Meisner)

A resolution to encourage Michigan's public schools to participate in Junior Achievement programs.

- HR 276 was adopted

HR 350

(Mayes)

A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to take whatever steps are necessary to help facilitate the expansion of the commercial cranberry industry in Michigan.

- HR 350 was adopted